



## FACT SHEET

### ARTESIA FREEWAY (ROUTE 91) HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANE REHABILITATION PROJECT

**Background:** The Artesia Freeway (Route 91), one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced.

**What the Work Involves:** The project consists of three components:

- Grinding and removing the existing pavement and adding a new layer of concrete, replacing the existing median barrier, and replacing/repairing metal guardrails. Construction is being performed in three stages: the Orange County line to the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605); Pioneer Boulevard to Woodruff Avenue in Artesia and Cerritos; and Woodruff Avenue to Downey Avenue in Bellflower.
- Constructing 6,968-feet of soundwall on the eastbound side and 7,090-feet of soundwall on the westbound side of Route 91.
- Planting trees, shrubs, and ground cover on more than 40 acres of State right-of-way. The project includes irrigating plants with re-claimed water and the placement of cobblestones and textured concrete paving in various areas. It also includes a three-year plant establishment period.

**Benefits:**

- The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced.
- Soundwall construction will reduce noise levels
- Landscaping will help to control erosion, reduce glare and provide screening where necessary. Aesthetically, the project will improve the appearance and continuity of the roadside, integrating it with adjacent development.

**Schedules:** Pavement repair began in December 2002 and will complete fall, 2005; Soundwall construction began in January 2003 and will complete in winter 2003/2004; Landscaping began in September 2002 and will complete in spring 2007.

**Estimated Costs:** Pavement repair -- \$29.6 million; Soundwall -- \$13.7 million; Landscaping -- \$3.2 million.

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